



## COMMUNITY PHARMACY HEREFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE GENERAL UPDATE 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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If your pharmacy is part of a larger organisation (CCA, IPA), please consult with your HO in relevant matters.

### LOCAL/LPC NEWS

#### CPE Regional Workshop, West Midlands – Tuesday 30th June 2026

CPE's regional roadshows are back – designed not just to update you, but to give you clear, usable insight and a genuine say in what comes next for community pharmacy.

These interactive evening sessions bring you face-to-face with the negotiators representing you, cutting through the noise to focus on what matters most to your business and your patients right now.

#### Why it's worth your time:

- Understand what's really happening: get candid, jargon-free updates on negotiations and sector pressures.
- Take away practical insight: leave with a clearer view of what changes could mean for your pharmacy.
- Influence the agenda: share your realities to help shape priorities and decisions.
- Connect locally: compare challenges and approaches with peers facing the same pressures.

This isn't just a briefing – it's your opportunity to be informed, be heard, and help steer the future!

#### Details for the West-Midlands event are as follows:

Location: The National Motorcycle Museum, Coventry Road, Hampton in Arden B92 0EJ

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 30 • 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

#### [Book your place now](#)

#### FREE Mindfulness Taster Sessions at St Michael's Hospice

St Michael's Hospice in Hereford offers free taster sessions as an introduction to their full mindfulness course. The free taster sessions are available on **1st July** and **29th July**.

Led by accredited teachers from the award-winning *Breathworks Centre of Excellence*, this gentle one-hour introduction offers a welcoming space to explore how mindfulness can ease stress,



improve emotional balance, and help you feel more grounded in daily life. Whether you're navigating pressure, change, or simply curious about the practice, you'll learn simple techniques to support your wellbeing—no experience needed, just an open mind. The taster session is an opportunity to experience mindfulness for yourself, ask questions, and find out whether the full course feels right for you, but there is no obligation to continue.

For more information, please visit St Michaels: [FREE Mindfulness Taster Session](#)

Email [mindfulness@smhospicehereford.org](mailto:mindfulness@smhospicehereford.org) or Call **01432 852647** with any enquiries.

## REGIONAL/ NATIONAL NEWS

### CPCF Arrangements for 2026/27 Announced

Community Pharmacy England Secures 10% Funding Rise for 2026/27 and Launches Major Reform Push. Community Pharmacy England (CPE) has agreed a 10.3% funding uplift for community pharmacies in 2026/27, raising the total budget to £3.636 billion. The decision follows months of negotiation and was accepted on the condition that Government and NHS England commit to a joint programme of reform to shape the sector's long-term future.

#### Key Elements of the 2026/27 Settlement

- £340m funding increase, including a £200m uplift to the retained margin, taking it to £1.1bn.
- Write-off of up to £239m in margin over-delivery accumulated to March 2026, helping stabilise the medicines supply chain.
- Independent Prescribing to be added to Pharmacy First and the Pharmacy Contraception Service from autumn 2026.
- Single Activity Fee rising to £1.52.
- Pharmacy Quality Scheme set at £20m, with 80% aspiration payments available from 1 September.
- New regulatory flexibilities, including:
  - Up to 4 hours per month permitted for staff training closures.
  - Acceptance of late payment claims for Pharmacy First and NMS.
  - Continued work on staff safety and tackling inappropriate EPS nomination practices.

#### Why CPE Accepted the Deal

Although the uplift is higher than increases across the wider NHS, CPE emphasised that the sector remains under severe pressure. The settlement covers inflation and activity growth but does not resolve long-term sustainability concerns. CPE warned that without deeper reform, pharmacies will continue to face closures, reduced hours, and risks to patient care.



However, the organisation concluded that rejecting the offer would jeopardise progress and risk losing Government commitment to future reforms. The agreed joint reform programme will explore new funding, contractual and reimbursement models, as well as measures to improve medicines supply resilience and support the rollout of Independent Prescribing.

#### Next Steps for the Sector

CPE is calling on the entire community pharmacy sector to contribute to a radical reform agenda that will shape a new long-term strategy. A series of webinars and regional roadshows will run through June and July to help pharmacy owners understand the settlement and share their views on future reforms.

Read the original post on CPE [here](#).

#### 2026/27 PQS

As part of negotiations on the CPCF arrangements for 2026/27, it has been agreed that a PQS will run in 2026/27, with fewer requirements than in previous years and a smaller budget of £20 million.

[Read more about the outcome of the 2026/27 negotiations](#)

The new scheme retains some existing criteria and sees the addition of new criteria intended to support the safe introduction of prescribing into community pharmacy. A [Drug Tariff update](#) was published on 2nd June 2026 providing details of the scheme.

The 2026/27 scheme began on 2nd June 2026 and has a declaration period between 9am on 1st February 2027 and 11.59pm on 26th February 2027. Pharmacy owners must have evidence to demonstrate meeting the domains that they have claimed for by the end of 31st March 2027.

Pharmacy owners will be able to claim an Aspiration payment if they wish to between 9am on 13th July 2026 and 11.59pm on 28th July 2026.

Please note, NHS England will not be publishing PQS guidance for pharmacy owners for the 2026/27 Scheme.

#### Yellow Card Reporting and Enhancements

Community Pharmacy is increasingly delivering clinical services and as such will encounter greater opportunity for capturing issues relating to medicines (side effects/ADRs, defective, fake), vaccines, medical devices (unsafe, defective, poor quality, fake), blood product or e-cigarettes.



The PGDs for the Pharmacy First Service makes reference to reporting any side effects to the Yellow Card Scheme but it is important for people working in pharmacy (and members of the public) to become more aware of the other issues that can be reported via Yellow Card.

See further information in the document [here](#) regarding Yellow Card reporting and recent enhancements to the scheme.

### Important Dates for 2026

Don't forget to check the CPE website for upcoming important dates [here](#).

### Advance payment timetable for 2026

CPE has published an Advanced Payment Timetable for 2026, which you can find [here](#).

### Latest Supply Issues: Shortages and SSPs

You can find all the latest supply notifications and SSPs [here](#).

**Finally.... WhatsApp Groups** Reminder to share the WhatsApp groups with others who work in community pharmacy within Herefordshire and Worcestershire.



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